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ED The advertisement of Dr. J. N. Buit, shall appear in our next.

ED Democrats, don't forget the Convention to be held in Charlotte on the 14th of April next.

ED We would call attention to the prospectus of the Richmond "Weekly South," to be found in another place.

ED We cannot publish anonymous communications.

The Enigma of J. K. A. has been received. We decline publishing, because we do not think the subject a proper one.

ED FIRE.

Two barns, containing about 200 barrels of corn, a large amount of fodder, and farming implements, the property of Mr. Timothy P. Gregory, about six miles from E City, were destroyed by fire on last Friday night. It was the work of a small negro boy in his employ, who placed a lighted match among the fodder.

ED We are indebted to Messrs. Holden & Wilson for a handsomely executed colored map of the school district of Union County, in this State. The specimen before us will compare favorably with any thing of the kind that we have ever seen, and is highly creditable to the skill, ingenuity, and enterprise of the gentlemen getting it up.

CASH SYSTEM.—Hereafter all job-work done in this office will be *cash on delivery*. This system is generally carried out by all newspapers published and our interest and convenience render it necessary for us to pursue the same course. It is unpleasant for us to *do* our patrons and they are hardly willing to have such trivial accounts entered on our books. We hope the above is a sufficient warning to persons having work of this kind done at the Pioneer office.

KANSAS.

The vote upon the Kansas bill was taken in the Senate last week, and resulted in its passage by a vote of 33 for, and 28 against it. We append the vote. Messrs. Bell of Tennessee, and Crittenden of Kentucky, voted with the Black Republicans. What a reckoning is in store for these gentlemen! The bill has been sent to the House, where its fate will soon be determined:

YEAS.

Allen, of R. I. Hunter, of Va.
Bayard, of Del. Iverson, of Ga.
Benjamin, of La. Jones, of Iowa.
Biggs, of N. C. Johnson, of Tenn.
Bigler, of Pa. Johnson, of Ark.
Bright, of Ind. Kennedy, of Md.
Brown, of Miss. Mallory, of Fla.
Clay, of Ala. Mason, of Va.
Evans, of S. C. Pearce, of Md.
Fitzpatrick, of Ala. Polk, of Ky.
Fitch, of Ind. Sebastian, of Ark.
Green, of Mo. Slidell, of La.
Gwin, of Cal. Thompson, of Ky.
Hammond, of S. C. Thomson, of N. J.
Henderson, of Texas. Toombs, of Ga.
Houston, of Texas. Wright, of N. J.
Yulee, of Fla.

NAYS.

Bell, of Tenn. Foster, of Conn.
Broderick, of Cal. Hale, of N. H.
Chandler, of Mich. Harlan, of Me.
Clark, of N. H. Harlan, of Iowa.
Collamer, of Vt. King, of N. Y.
Crittenden, of Ky. Pugh, of Ohio.
Dixon, of Conn. Seward, of N. Y.
Doolittle, of Wis. Simmons, of R. I.
Douglas, of Ill. Stuart, of Mich.
Durkee, of Wis. Sumner, of Mass.
Fessenden, of Me. Trumbull, of Ill.
Foot, of Vt. Wadsworth, of Ohio.
Wilson, of Mass.

ABSENCEES.

Bates, of Del. Davis, of Miss.
Cameron, of Penn. Reid, of N. C.
Mr. Cameron paired off with Mr. Davis.

Upon the announcement of the vote there was applause in the galleries, mingled with hisses.

The Senate then adjourned.

ARE THEY DEMOCRATS?

We have ever regarded the Democratic party as a party of principle; as a party holding certain constitutional ideas in relation to government; as a party basing its existence upon great cardinal measures which they have always incorporated in the federal machinery when power has been entrusted to their hands. Firmly believing that, to a prosperous and safe administration of public affairs, the policy of the country must be in accordance with the code which it has established, it has pursued the even tenor of its way, neither turning to the right or left for friend or foe. To a strict and undeviating fidelity to old landmarks, it owes its vitality and its energy; to its disregard of men, when measures are assailed, may be traced the secret of its power and its success. Ambitious spirits have grown great under the fostering care of the Democratic party. Brilliant intellects have won their way to the front ranks, and have received the unbounded confidence of their co-laborers. Aspiring to dictate, they have been hurled indignantly from their high position, and like Lucifer, consigned to a fate from

which no power has ever been able to resurrect them. There has never been any in its ranks so high or so exalted as to escape the penalty of expulsion for a persistent violation of any one of its established principles, and however dear the offender may have been to the hearts of the Democracy, they have regarded the sacrifice as necessary to preserve the purity of the party, and he has been even up promptly, though reluctantly. The Democratic party points this way; those who expect its confidence must pursue it without halting or deviation. Fealty to the party consists in a faithful and willing observance of those time-honored principles which were promulgated by the apostles of Democracy, and which have formed the basis and ground work of this great governmental edifice. Though neither tolerating or countenancing a violation of any article of political faith, the Democracy have never made side issues, not effecting its peculiar tenets, a test of soundness of unfitness. Men, upon minor questions, have differed without becoming obnoxious to a charge of recreancy to principle. It is right that it should be so. It would be impossible for all the members of a great party, representing different sectional interests, to be found a unit upon each and every matter that may arise for action. This, however, may be carried to an extreme, and we regard the course of certain discontents as a pointed and forcible illustration. The position now occupied by Judge Douglas, and those who follow in his wake, certainly places them beyond the Democratic pale. Under ordinary circumstances, a disagreement between the incipient steps necessary to be taken by an inchoate State preparatory to admission into the Union, would not constitute an offence of such magnitude as to impair the confidence previously reposed in these distinguished men. Abstract opinions, not leading to a disregard and violation of constitutional obligations, may be indulged in without seriously effecting party ties, or surrendering party relations. Judge Douglas and his Democratic associates stand in no such attitude. The war waged against the Lecompton constitution, is waged, not from any objections to the Constitution, not from an antipathy to anything contained in that Constitution, but simply for the purpose of breaking down the Democratic party. There is nothing that can be urged in opposition to the Lecompton constitution, that does not more forcibly apply to the instrument framed at Topeka, of which these Black Republicans were the authors. To suppose for an instant that Judge Douglas was not perfectly acquainted with the schemes of these agitators and traitors, is a direct reflection upon his intelligence, and to write him down a thick-headed Jack-a-napes. His political sagacity, deep penetration, intimate acquaintance with the men composing the free soil faction, and his consummate skill in political tactics, gave him insight into the trick that was to be played to disorganize the party that had honored, and made him what he is. Yet he deliberately plans for the campaign; lays off his operations; takes a calm survey of the field, and rushes to the fight, heading Black Republicanism in its assault upon his old friends. He does not contend that in admitting Kansas, there would be any encroachment upon the Constitution; he does not argue that Congress is without power to receive and grant the 'petition' of the people to be admitted as a State, but, for mere useless abstractions, and pretended regard for popular sovereignty, he abandons the ground which he has so long occupied, forsakes those with whom he has toiled through many a weary day, forgets the abuse with which vindictive foes had besmeared his good name, and leads the free soil cohorts in the attempt to overthrow the Democracy. Does not every act of these negroites establish the fact beyond the possibility of a doubt, that they care nothing in the world for Kansas, only so far as it forms a fulcrum for the lever by which they calculate to upheave the Democratic party? and yet Mr. Douglas and his confederates from our ranks are found side by side, cheek-by-jowl, 'hail fellows well met,' with these political tricksters and traitors, helping them to do their dirty work. And still they claim to be democrats! don't they issue should bring in question their claims to soundness or lay them liable to a suspicion of having gone over to the enemy. The thing is preposterous, ridiculously absurd! We repeat that, under ordinary circumstances, opposition to the admission of a State upon grounds of its not having proceeded upon some recognized, but arbitrary, rule, would not afford a sufficient basis upon which to found a doubt of a man's devotion to his party, but when, as in the present case, it is sought to be made an instrument for the destruction of that party, it would be worse than folly to recognize as friends, those coalescing with the movers in such a scheme. This is the exact position of Mr. Douglass and the small body of so-called democrats who are siding with him, and we consider it the policy of the Democratic party to cut off all connexion or affiliation with these men. If it would maintain its influence and its usefulness, there is no other course left to it. The stand should be taken boldly and promptly.

ED A bearded young gentleman being on a visit to a friend in this borough, the other day, had one of the latter gentleman's interesting little boys on his knee, caressing him; when the child looked up to his face with a perplexed gaze, and asked: 'Can't you talk? I can't see any mouth for talk to come out at.'

HON. JOHN A. GILMER.
We notice last week that this gentleman had voted with Giddings, Grow, and other notorious free-soilers, against tabling the appeal of Harris of Illinois. Since that, another vote has been taken, and Mr. J. A. Gilmer, was found side by side with those same worthy associates. Five other Know-Nothings from slaveholding States were found in his company. The New York Journal of Commerce thus explains the schemes of these patriotic "Americans."

NEW POLITICAL COMBINATIONS.—The late action of those American members of Congress who have heretofore favored the Lecompton measure, is doubtless the first development of the new political combination which has been some time under consideration at Washington. It has been thought by some of the leading politicians, that a line of policy could be marked out, which should render possible the union, in a single party, for the next Presidential campaign, of the entire Opposition to the Administration. The close affiliation which seems now to exist between the anti-Lecompton Democrats, and the Republicans, has encouraged the latter to hope that the present accidental union on a single question, might be so cultivated and nursed as to render it permanent and lay the foundation for a movement which shall sweep the country in the campaign of 1860. But the combined strength of these two parties, or factions, was not sufficient to ensure the defeat of the Administration on the great measure now under consideration and to accomplish that result, which is really essential to furnishing the capital for the new partnership, the votes of the South Americans, as they are called, were indispensable.

For several days past, this subject has, we learn, been under anxious consideration,—that difficulty being, to devise a plan which should secure the co-operation of those men in the present emergency. This is far more important than their future co-operation, although that, as affording a foot-hold in the South for the new party, is not of small consequence to the success of the arrangement. We are not advised as to the precise present state of the negotiations, but judging from the vote in the House on Mr. Harris's attempt to smuggle in his minority report, it is clear that Messrs. Davis, Marshall, and their associates, are willing to occupy, for the present, the position of parties to the negotiation, and at least to play fast and loose, until the feasibility of the new movement is more fully determined.

Our readers are aware that we have not placed much faith in the prediction that Senator Douglas and his associates in opposition to the Lecompton Constitution, could be brought so far to affiliate with the Republicans as to form a permanent political alliance with them. We are not now convinced that such is their intention, although the close harmony which seem to exist between the two fraternities, seems to favor that theory. But we think Judge Douglas must entertain too thorough a distrust for the principles and leaders of that sectional party, to link his fortunes and hopes with it for the future.

It is not clear that the complete union of the Americans in Congress with the Republicans and Douglas men, will form a party sufficiently strong to defeat the admission of Kansas under the Lecompton Constitution. It would render the vote a very close one, but probably would still leave a majority in favor of admission.

[Correspondence of the Pioneer.]

WELDON, N. C., March 25, 1858.

The unfortunate conflagration in your City, information of which reached us yesterday through the Petersburg Express, and the particulars of which we received to-day in an Extra from your office, is much deplored, but while I am properly sorry for the sufferers, I am glad you are not among them.

Fires will occur, and I believe it has been a pretty long time since you had one in your midst previous to this. But while Elizabeth City has been burning up, the world outside of Elizabeth City has been wagging along about as usual, and from this important stand point I have seen very little out of the ordinary course of events, that is worth committing to paper.

Mr. D. K. McRae made a speech at Nash Court, in which, I learn, he pitched into the "Old Line Whigs" who had joined the Democratic party. I did not hear the speech nor did I bear much more about it than I have stated. But in this connection, it seems that Mr. McRae is not to have the field all to himself, for there is much talk in favor of "Father Abram," and I see the Milton Chronicler urges his claims very strenuously as an Independent Distribution Democratic Candidate. I question however, if Mr. Venable will permit his name to be used to disorganize two Senators to elect next winter.

It is not known as yet who the candidates will be in this County and Northampton, though I learn it is probable the following will be the ticket in the latter county, viz.:

Senate:

GEN. T. J. PERSON.

Commons:

MATT. W. RANSON,

Jos. R. MASON.

In this County there is to my knowledge an urgent appeal to Col. Nicholas M. Long from Whigs as well as Democrats, to stand for the Senate. Col. Long is averse to it, but, I really cannot see how he can refuse under such circumstances to serve, and he would have no opposition, nor would there be any necessity for his leaving home till he went to Raleigh, to take his seat in the Senate, for he is so well and favorably known all over the County that no electioneering would be necessary.

Mr. Long has been repeatedly nominated but has always hitherto declined being a candidate—this time, however, I think he will be forced into the Senate.

Within the past few days, the weather has turned a complete summersault, and a good blazing fire is absolutely essential to one's comfort, and I, as usual, in all such cases, have taken the full benefit of the sudden change by taking on an unpleasant and inconvenient amount of "cold and enough."

We got White Sheet here daily from Chowan River in abundance, but very few are taken in Roanoke.

But lest I grow irksome I will hold in RIP SLAP.

DELEGATES TO CHARLOTTE.—We are authorized to state that Delegates to the Democratic Convention to be held at Charlotte in April next, will be passed over the different railroads in the State, at half price; that is, they will be furnished with tickets to go and return for one fare.—*Standard.*

my first choice for the office of Governor; but feeling, nevertheless, the statement above alluded to, accompanied by my silence, was calculated to injure the latter undeservedly. I felt it to be my duty to hasten to state, and did give you to understand, that it was not sustained by any facts within my knowledge or recollection.

I take advantage of a leisure moment between the Nash and Johnston courts, now to say further, that in December, 1853, four months after my editorial connection with the Free Press ceased, and when I was about to start a new Democratic paper in the city of Raleigh, I had a conversation with a gentleman of Salisbury, named Brown, at the Mill House in Charlton, upon the subject of the approaching Democratic Convention in this State, and the position the Statesman would occupy in the canvass for Governor.

In consequence of the sentiments I expressed in that conversation, Judge Ellis addressed me a private and friendly letter, and deplored the division which seemed inevitable, he earnestly urged on me, the support of the nominees of the party for Governor, although the choice of the Convention should fall on one who did not approve my course on the public land question, and he gave several reasons why he supposed I could do so with propriety, stating, at the same time, and very emphatically, that the condition of his private affairs at that time, would not permit him to be a candidate.

Towards the close of this letter, Judge Ellis alluded to a conversation we had had upon the street at Wilmington, and referred to the position in which I had assigned and classed him a few months before the date of this letter, in consequence of my understanding of his views, as stated to me in that conversation. He informed me that my impression of his views was not correct; and that he had not thought it necessary to address me on the subject previously, but that in the new position I was then shortly to assume as Editor of the Statesman, it was due to me to say, that he did not intend, by any remarks "he had made, to create the impression that he was in favor of the distribution of the public land;" but that on the contrary, he still indulged the hope, that partial and extravagant donations of them would be checked, "and the proceeds turned into the public treasury."

This is the only "letter," and the only "correspondence" in writing or otherwise, which I have had with Mr. Ellis upon the land question. I have not seen or heard read the contents of his letter to Mr. Daney nor is it any part of my business at present to enquire whether he wrote such a letter or not; and so, what he said. The reason why I have not made this statement before is, because I was not before, or until now, authorized to speak publicly of the contents of that letter, and circumstances did not seem to me to demand that I should seek permission to do so.

I think it allowable in me to remark again, as frequently as in public speeches and in the first number of the Statesman, replying to the Editor of the Standard, and to others upon a variety of occasions, that I have always repudiated, and do now repudiate and deny the charge of being a "distributionist," or of having edited a "distribution paper." I put the necessity for a demand of "the share of North Carolina," as it is called, upon the necessity of doing something to prevent distribution; thought that if North Carolina and the old States generally made this demand, it would stop distribution, and restore "the old and wise policy" of keeping the public lands, and turning their proceeds into the public treasury. To procure that coalition I removed to Raleigh, and attempted to establish the Statesman. The enterprise failed by no fault of mine, but from the want of means, and its own inherent impracticability; and upon its failure, never having been a distribution, I returned to the party, and in an humble sphere did what I had pledged myself in the first number of the paper to do, and what Judge Ellis had urged me to do, aided to secure the election of Governor Bragg, nominee of the Democratic Convention.

WHEREAS, It is proposed to hold a Convention of the Democratic Party at Charlotte, on the 14th day of April next, to nominate a candidate for Governor of N. Carolina; and whereas we are desirous to be represented in said Convention.

Resolved., That the Chairman of this meeting appoint forty delegates to represent this County in said Convention.

2. Resolved., That we respectfully recommend to the Convention to be held at Charlotte, the name of the Hon. Jno. W. Ellis, of Rowan County, whose talents and devotion to Democratic principles sufficiently qualify him for the duties of the Gubernatorial Chair.

3. Resolved., That we recommend that the Democracy of Gates and Chowan hold a joint Convention at Gatesville, on the Monday of May County Court, for the purpose of nominating a candidate to represent us in the Senate of the next General Assembly of this State; and that the Chairman of this meeting appoint twenty-five delegates to represent this County in said Convention.

4. Resolved., That we cordially approve and endorse the administration of President Buchanan, and especially his recommendation of the admission of Kansas under the Lecompton Constitution.

5. Resolved., That the Hon. H. M. Shaw, by the faithful devotion of his talents to his public duties, and by his unwavering adherence to the rights of the South, has proved himself a worthy representative of this District in Congress.

6. Resolved., That the Hon. Thomas Bragg, by the faithful discharge of his Executive duties, has deservedly won a high place in the esteem and affection of the people of this State.

7. Resolved., That our present representatives in the Senate and House of Commons of the General Assembly, viz. Dr. R. Dillard and Jno. C. Badham, Esq., have the unqualified approval of their constituents in the discharge of their public duties.

8. Resolved., That the doctrine of distribution, at all times unsupported either by expediency or law, is at this time especially mischievous and objectionable.

Under the first resolution the chair appointed the following delegates, viz: Sam'l Simpson, Thos. Evans, Wm. D. Lowther, Dr. R. Dillard, Moses White, Silas White, Martin Simpson, Edmund Wright, Alex. Cheshire, Jr., Jno. C. Badham, S. A. W. Righton, Jno. H. Leary, Wm. Benbury, Jos. T. Waff, Ridgick Mansfield, Myles Ashley, Fred Bunn, Jno. E. Leary, Dr. Wm. J. Leary, N. N. Parker, T. L. Foxwell, R. H. Heath, Micaiah Bunch, Alex. Cheshire, Sr., Humphrey Ward, Thos. H. Leary, Sr., W. A. Moore, E. C. Hines, Alex. H. Bond, Richd. H. Small, Richd. Paxton, John Simpson, W. W. Hall,

For the Pioneer.

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MR. HERRON: In looking over their proceedings, I see that at a meeting of that body, the Corporation of Elizabeth City, held on the 25th inst., the subject of "the facilities for extinguishing fires in this Town," was under consideration, and that steps were taken towards purchasing a new engine and hose, and for the formation of two Fire Companies, and one Hook and Ladder Company. This is highly creditable to our efficient board of Commissioners, and I hope that it will not turn out, like everything else attempted to be gotten up in our Town, a failure. But I am sorry to see that, instead of

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